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SUBJECT: RECIPROCITY OF BUSINESS VISAS

REFS: A. STATE 101284

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1. IN MEETING WITH MERCL OF FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, CONOFF AND E/COM OFFICER REQUESTED FOR UNION CARBIDE GROUP MULTIPLE EXIT/RE-ENTRY VISAS WHICH COULD BE RENEWED IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA, WHICH WOULD NOT LIMIT THE PERIOD OF STAY OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY NOR DESIGNATE SPECIFIC THIRD COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED.

2. MERCL SAID HE SYMPATHIZED WITH SITUATION OF UNION CARBIDE GROUP. HOWEVER, HE THOUGH THAT THE MATTER FELL MORE UNDER JURISDICTION OF MFA THAN OF HIS OWN MINISTRY INASMUCH AS GROUP MEMBERS WERE HERE ONLY TEMPORARILY AND NOT, AS IN THE CASE OF PAN AM AND OTHER BUSINESS REPS, ON A FULL-TIME BASIS. NEVERTHELESS, HE WOULD HIMSELF RAISE THE MATTER WITH THE MFA WITH A VIEW TO

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COORDINATING THE CZECH RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST.

3. MERCL SAID HE THOUGH SOME DIFFICULTIES MIGHT ARISE BECAUSE MANY CZECHOSLOVAK BUSINESSMEN, TECHNICIANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE UNITED STATES, DID NOT RECEIVE SUCH LIBERAL TERMS. HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY THE CASE OF CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINE BUSINESSMEN AND DEPENDENTS IN U.S. WHO HAD TO GO ABROAD TO RENEW THEIR VISAS EVERY SIX MONTHS BECAUSE THEY COULD NOT BE RENEWED IN THE USA.

4. CONOFF EXPLAINED USG VISA POLICY OF RECIPROCATING, WHENEVER POSSIBLE, THE MOST LIBERAL TERMS RECEIVED BY AMERICAN CITIZENS AND SAID HE HOPED THAT BETTER VISA TERMS COULD BE ACHIEVED FOR ALL CS AND US BUSINESSMEN AND TECHNICIANS WHO WERE RESIDING FOR LENGTHY PERIODS IN THE OTHER COUNTRY.

5. MERCL SAID HE WOULD RESPOND TO EMBASSY'S DEMARCHE EARLY IN WEEK JUNE 23-27, AFTER HAVING RAISED CASE WITH MFA.

6. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE ASAP; IN PARTICULAR, WE WISH TO KNOW WHETHER USG COULD GRANT ON RECIPROCAL BASIS TO CZECH BUSINESSMEN/TECHNICIANS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE STAYING IN U.S. FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS MULTIPLE ENTRY VISAS WHICH MIGHT THEN BE RENEWED IN THE USA.

7. FYI: EMBASSY JUST LEARNED FROM UNION CARBIDE REP IN LITVINOV THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES REDUCED NUMBER OF RE-ENTRIES FOR MEN FROM THREE TO ONE ON BASIS THAT TRIPLE RE-ENTRY-TYPE VISAS ISSUED HERETOFORE FOR BUSINESS TRIPS HAVE IN FACT BEEN USED FOR PLEASURE TRIPS. ORIGINALLY, ONLY THE WOMEN WERE RESTRICTED TO A ONE RE-ENTRY-TYPE VISA..

8. EMBASSY ESTIMATES NUMBER OF B-I VISAS ISSUED HERE TO CZECHS PLANNING TO STAY IN U.S. FOR AT LEAST THREE MONTHS AT ABOUT FIFTY PER YEAR.
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